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The best of the snow

Italy, Canada and the USA have the pick of the snow this week with some excellent conditions across resorts

Whistler, 28 March

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Italy has been dealt one of the strongest hands on the continent this season it seems and has recently reported some of the best conditions of all our reported European resorts. This week is no exception with fresh or good conditions found on-piste at resorts across the country, despite only a handful receiving fresh snow in the last 48 hours.

Courmayeur received 20cm of snow on Monday 28 March and there was also snow falling at Alagna and La Thuile. Val Senales and Passo Tonale are both reporting excellent on-piste conditions despite not receiving any new snow since 17 March. Passo Tonale has the deepest snow base of any of our reported Italian resorts with 600cm on the upper slopes.

Many resorts in France had snow over the weekend – as much as 20cm was reported at La Clusaz on Monday and at Risoul on Sunday 27 March – and conditions are a mixture of good and Spring-like. Philip Rose, the Ski Club's Leader in Avoriaz, said "the upper slopes have kept pretty much a full covering of snow and the pistes are, by and large, in very good condition" in his report on Sunday.

Over half of our featured Canadian resorts had snow over the weekend and conditions on-piste are excellent across the board. The British Columbia resorts of Whistler and Fernie had light dustings on Sunday and Whistler is now just under a foot shy of reaching 14m of cumulative snow this season.

Several resorts in the USA are reporting powder conditions on and off-piste after snow in many areas over the weekend. Colorado and <u>Utah</u> faired the best and a number resorts reported 20cm or more in one day, however California stole the show with a dump of 56cm at Mammoth on Saturday producing powder conditions across the mountain.

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